



NEW COUNTY OFFICIAL... Irving L. Morhar (right), a resident of Studio City, takes the oath of office as Los Angeles County Road Commissioner during ceremonies held at the Hall of Administration. Administering the oath is John D. Hahn (left) assistant chief deputy county clerk, Supervisor Burton W. Chace, chairman of the Board of Supervisors and the County Road Department, assists with the ceremony.

### Mobility of Criminal a Law Problem

"Mobility of the criminal in our society makes it absolutely necessary for law enforcement agencies to have immediate access to information which will enable them to apprehend violators," Highway Patrol Commissioner Bradford M. Crittenden said today.

"A system to do just that will become operational in January of next year," Crittenden said. "That system is the National Crime Information Center."

The nucleus of this system will be the computers of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C. Police agencies of cities and states throughout the nation will be connected to the system and this immense amount of information will be available to any member.

GOVERNOR Edmund G. Brown has assured California's participation in the NCIC system, which was patterned after the Patrol's own Auto Stat, a system for recording and disseminating information on stolen and wanted vehicles.

Initially, data on stolen autos, property and wanted persons will be included. Other information will be added as the system develops.

The CHP Headquarters in Sacramento is the switching point of the system for the western United States. If the information is not available in the Patrol's records the query will be relayed directly to the FBI in Washington.

THIS WILL give the man on patrol a nationwide system of information to draw from. "The NCIC is another step forward in the adaptation of modern technology to the problems of law enforcement," Crittenden said.

"The system has the wholehearted backing of law enforcement leaders in California."

**New Manual Published By Marshal**  
Los Angeles County Marshal Leslie R. Keays reports that the second printing of the Marshal's Manual of Procedure is now off the press.

Published by the Marshals Association of California, the manual has been expanded to include an alphabetical list of California cities and towns and their judicial districts.

Added to this information is a state roster compiling the names of marshals, constables, sheriffs, court clerks, and judges in each county.

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**NOTIFIABLE DISEASES**  
Five cases of gonorrhea were reported from the Torrance area for the week of July 16. Other cases of notifiable diseases were syphilis, five; epilepsy, three; hepatitis, two; and scarlet fever, one.

**LOMITA MEETING SET**  
The Lomita City Council will meet tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the city hall, 25332 Narbonne Ave. The council session will be preceded by a 6 p.m. "work session."

**HAROLD ULRICH**  
Funeral services for Harold Lester Ulrich, who died Tuesday, were conducted Friday at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Lloyd Warneke officiating. Mr. Ulrich will be buried in Chicago, Ill.

A resident of the area for nine years, Mr. Ulrich made his home at 2068 W. 240th St., Lomita. He died at an area hospital. Mr. Ulrich, who was born in Illinois, was 63. He is survived by his widow, Henrietta of Lomita; a son, Robert of Denver, Colo.; a daughter, Donna Kidman of Torrance; a brother, Milton, in Illinois, and six grandchildren.

### Thief Takes Groceries, Melon Left

A Redondo Beach housewife who spent \$34 for groceries Friday got home with half a watermelon and a few grapes.

Mrs. Myrna Des Voigne, 34, of 628 S. Irena, told Torrance police she had put her groceries in her car at the Del Amo Center and left to do some more shopping.

When she returned, her groceries were gone. Police said someone pried open a wind wing, then opened the car door and took the groceries.

I always mistrusted my success — I knew damn well there could have been 50 other Lena Hornes — Lena Horne on a California tour.

### Taken From Area Homes

Theft of four bicycles from Torrance homes was reported to Torrance Police Friday.

Bertram I. Pulver, 23032 Samuel St., said someone took a \$150 racing bicycle from his patio Wednesday or Thursday. A second bicycle, worth about \$20, was reported taken from his home by Jack A. Stalling, 22640 Juniper St.

Two more bicycles, each valued at about \$50, were taken from an apartment house laundry room, Elwin Peterson, 3210 Merrill Drive, said the bicycles were taken Wednesday.

The energy flowing through natural gas pipelines each day is equivalent to the daily output of 1,000 Hoover Dams.



IN CHEM LAB... Margaret Ackerman (right) of Torrance watches as Elizabeth McCann of Blacksburg, Va., works on a problem during a chemistry laboratory session at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Miss Ackerman is one of 32 high school students participating in a National Science Foundation summer program at the Virginia college.

### Ann Landers' New Book Now in Paperback Form

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Miss Landers' column appears in the Press-Herald, one

of 550 newspapers which carries her advice to some 33 million readers. "Since You Ask Me" offers a fresh approach to such questions as: "How important is sex in marriage?" "Must we outlaw the in-law?" and "What battles are your teenagers fighting?" She tackles all problems of life, love, marriage, and parenthood.

Her book has been praised as one which "you will enjoy reading and you, whether you are 15 or 70—will profit from."

### ... Traffic

(Continued from Page 1) The third vehicle received only minor damage.

**TWO PERSONS** were injured in a rear-end collision late Friday evening. Ben G. Franco Jr., 30, of Fullerton and Randie Stringer, 16, of 4029 W. 164th St., told police they would seek private medical attention.

Miss Stringer was one of four passengers in a car driven by Robert A. Sellers Jr., 16, of 16711 Cerise Ave. Police said Sellers was driving south on Crenshaw Boulevard and had slowed to change lanes when his car was struck by the Franco vehicle. The accident occurred at 11:40 p.m.

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**RIDE 'EM**... Lots of action in store for Torrance residents next weekend when the annual Rancho Days rodeo is staged Saturday and Sunday at the Del Amo Center. Performances are scheduled at 2 p.m. each day. Tickets for the event may be obtained from any member of the sponsoring Torrance Mounted Police and Torrance Elks Club or at the Chamber of Commerce offices.

### Man Tests Gun, Then Takes Life

A 45-year-old Torrance man was found dead Friday after he apparently test-fired a .45-caliber automatic in his apartment.

Police said the body of William Edge Gardner was found in the living room at 3654 Spencer St. by his wife, Mrs. Gardner told police she had left the apartment and heard a shot.

When she went back to the apartment, her husband told her the gun had misfired, she said. Mrs. Gardner then left when she heard a second shot.

Officers said Gardner apparently put the gun to his head and pulled the trigger only moments after his wife had left. He left a brief note, officers said, saying he "wanted everything to go to my father."

The body was removed to Halverson-Leavell Mortuary pending a coroner's investigation.

### ... Building

(Continued from Page 1) July figures, McKinnon reported. Being built under four permits, the apartment units have a combined value of \$368,470.

McKinnon also reported that a foundation permit was issued to Del Amo Properties, Inc. Valued at \$66,000, the permit provides for the construction of a parking garage and foundations for the first unit of the Del Amo Financial Center, located at Hawthorne Boulevard and Carson Street.

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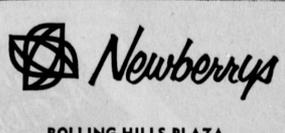
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